

A WEEK'S HISTORY.

Happenings of the Past Seven Days

THE IMPORTANT EVENTS

Called From All Quarters of the Globe and Condensed For Busy Readers—News Items.

Indications point to a cotton crop in 1901 superior to that of the two preceding years.

Sam Thomas Lipton's cup challenger, Shamrock II, arrived at New York Saturday night.

The British government has spent \$1,000,000 in Kansas City for horses and mules for service in South Africa.

The corn crop estimates August 1 are for 1,103,233,000 bushels, against 3,008,003,000 bushels estimated July 10.

In Scranton Sunday evening Edwin Davis killed his wife and himself by shooting. Jealousy was the cause of the murder and suicide.

Mrs. John G. Pote and three daughters were drowned while trying to cross a swollen mountain stream near Lexington, Va., on Sunday.

September 3 has been designated for the consecration of Monsignor E. A. Garvey, of Pittston, to the bishopric of the newly created diocese of Altoona.

A saw mill and planing mill and 50,000 feet of lumber owned by R. L. Bazzard, of near Dubois, were burned on Monday, the fire entailing a loss of \$50,000.

The court at Somerset has decided to award the Pennsylvania Railroad company a new trial if James C. Begley, awarded \$27,384 damages, does not accept \$15,000 within 60 days.

Ex-Governor William A. Newell, of New Jersey, a former congressman and the father of the system of the United States life saving service, died on Thursday of last week, aged 82 years.

Two sections of an Atlantic City excursion train on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad collided near Conduff on Thursday of last week, with the result that nine passengers and a fireman were injured.

Dr. James Eldon, for a number of years principal of the Central State Normal school at Look Haven, has accepted the position of instructor in mathematics at the normal school at Shippensburg.

Rear-Admiral Mortimer L. Johnson, commander of the Port Royal naval station, has been selected to succeed Rear-Admiral Sampson as commander of the Boston navy yard on account of the latter's ill health.

Harry Abbott, aged 27, was shot and fatally wounded by his 10-year-old brother, Alfred, at Anderson, Ind., Saturday night. The shooting was self-defense, and after Harry had been fatally injured his mother.

The commissioner of internal revenue has decided that under the act of June 13, 1894, a transfer of a portion of a lease requires the same internal revenue stamp as a transfer of a whole lease. This reverses a previous ruling.

Hon. W. J. Bryan has purchased the National Watchman, a paper founded at Alexandria, Va., six years ago by Senator Stewart of Nevada. The Watchman will be merged into the Commonwealth, published at Lincoln, Neb., by Mr. Bryan.

Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans has been severely reprimanded by the navy department, through Acting Secretary Hackett, for criticizing in his book, "A Sailor's Log," an official action of former Secretary of the Navy William B. Chandler.

The Consolidated Tobacco Company of America has filed in Jersey City, N. J., a mortgage for \$130,000,000 to secure an issue of bonds in like sum, the proceeds of which, it is said, will go to absorb the great tobacco concerns in the United States and Cuba.

Jacob Gerhardt, of Shamokin, killed his wife on Tuesday and then sent a bullet into his own head, inflicting a flesh wound. Gerhardt was charged with murder and sent to jail. The case was committed during a family quarrel over money matters.

Harvey Baugher, a leader of a gang of counterfeiter which has been operating in Somerset county for some time, has surrendered to the authorities and, it is said, has promised to make a full confession, giving the names of his confederates and telling of their operations.

Pennsylvania, as shown by the report of James M. Clark, chief of the bureau of industrial statistics, for 1900 produced one-fourth of the world's pig iron and one-sixth of the world's steel, employing in the two industries \$300,493,390 and 93,731 men, to whom was paid in the aggregate \$30,976,782 in wages.

A despatch from Weynesboro, Aug. 10, says: "Apple growers in this vicinity are having a rich harvest. Within the past few days they have sold 10,000 bushels to a Philadelphia wholesaler, the prices paid being \$1.75 per barrel for picked apples and \$1.50 for dropped apples not cut. These prices are high and every grower is trying to sell."

The hiding place of the gold bars stolen from the strong room of the Saly smelting works, near Vallejo, Cal., over a week ago, has been located and nearly all of them have been recovered. The suspect, Jack Winter, made a confession. He dropped the gold in the water near the works and it is being taken from the muddy bottom by divers in the employ of the company.

John and George Dollard, sons of William Dollard, a Pendleton county, West Virginia, farmer were cremated in a strawstack at their home on the South Branch of the Potomac on Saturday. They were picking berries and sought shelter in the strawstack during a storm. Lightning struck a locust tree a few feet away and the straw ignited. The boys were embedded in the straw and were quickly enveloped by flames. Their charred bodies were recovered. It is thought they were shocked by the lightning and thus could not escape.

TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOLS.

Circular Letter Sent to County Superintendents by Dr. Schaeffer.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer has sent out to county school superintendents a circular letter calling their attention to the act passed by the recent legislature appropriating \$50,000 for the purpose of establishing township high schools. In addition to this special appropriation each township is entitled to about \$50 for each teacher regularly employed in such township high schools. In commenting upon the requirements of the township high school act Dr. Schaeffer says: "A high school which can employ but one teacher should not attempt more than the first two years of the course and should be content to rank as a high school of the third class until its teaching force and other facilities can be increased. By giving five half-hour periods to recitations by each class in a high school of the third grade, the teacher will still have an hour for his class. In a high school, views music and other exercises not specified in the foregoing curriculum. Thus time can be found for instruction in physiology and hygiene or in any other branch required by local needs. If it is deemed advisable, the recitation periods can be lengthened by reducing the weekly number of recitations in mathematics or history or science from five to four. Economic exercises can be given in connection with the study of the English classics. The nature and formation of soils can be taught in connection with physical geography. If one of the more difficult of the recent text-books on physical geography is adopted, it may be wise to postpone this study to the last year of the high school and to begin with the elements of one of the other sciences. Any student may be studied in two ways, in its elements, making it suitable discipline for pupils in secondary schools, and by the advanced methods of the college and university, making the subject too difficult for the high school. A good teacher can begin with any science and communicate knowledge which will serve as proper mental training for the first year in a high school.

"For the vast majority of those who attend rural schools the high school will be a finishing school. The high school must not ignore their needs or neglect their preparation for subsequent life. On the other hand, many of the best students at our colleges and universities come from rural schools. On the farm there is nothing so valuable as an mind. The farmer's sons and daughters should have an opportunity to make the most of the talents by which they have been endowed. Hence it would be a fatal policy to exclude from the township high school the studies which help to fit for admission into college and professional schools. In so far as the studies of a high school permit, the studies of specialty should be pursued and so shaped as to fit them for the institution of higher learning which they desire to enter. In some cases it is wise to substitute a modern language for Latin."

With Recently Filed.

Phillip Barkman, late of Monroe township, directs his executors to sell all of his personal property and divide the proceeds among decedent's four children, as follows: Barbara Barkman, to have \$100 and the balance of the proceeds to be equally divided among Joseph, Martin, Barbara and Susan. Testator appraises the farm on which his son Martin resides at \$500 and the one on which decedent lived at \$150. He is anxious to have the privilege of taking the same at the above appraisement if they so fit, the proceeds to be divided, share and share alike, among Mr. Barkman's four children. If his sons do not care to take the real estate on the above terms the executors are to sell the property and divide the proceeds among his children. Joseph and Martin Barkman are named as executors.

Jacob Gordon, late of Napier township, gives his farm to his wife. After her death the farm may be taken at its appraised value of any of his heirs who are able to pay for it. If not taken it is to be sold and the proceeds divided among decedent's five executors. G. W. Blackburn is appointed executor.

"Hawker's" Homicide.

The Hawker imagines it has discovered a combination between the leaders of the Democratic party and those of the Republican party in Bedford county. The nearest approach there has been to a combination was when the Hawker's right hand boy, Joseph E. Thorpe, endeavored to secure the Democratic nomination for congress after he had been turned down by the Republicans, but Chairman Kerr was at the conference opposing such a deal. As the Hawker has supported some Democratic candidates since the Republicans it is evidently against any combination except the "outré we make."

Hyman's Bulletin.

Capit's Captives.

The following marriage licenses have been granted at Cumberland since our last issue:

Edward G. Logsdon, of Cook's Mills, and Ada Murray, of Wittenburg.

John Leasure, of Hyndman, and Sarah Jackson, of Benn's Cove.

Luther W. Vanborn, of Everett, and Myrtle C. Brant, of Hazen, Md.

Re-Frederick Office.

Signor Francesco Origi, ex-procurator of Italy, died at Naples Sunday evening. He was eighty-two years old. Signor Origi was all his life an active politician and was at various times designated the "Bismarck" and "Grand Old Man" of Italian politics.

Picnic at Wittenburg.

The members of St. Thomas' Catholic church will hold a picnic at Island Park, Wittenburg, on Saturday, August 24. Arrangements have been made for the use of the boats and the dancing platform. An excellent orchestra will furnish music for dancing. Everybody is invited.

COMMITTEE.

Favorable Temperatures.

The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions says that the week ending August 12 has been one of very favorable temperature conditions in the districts east of the Rocky mountains, with beneficial rains over a large part of the drought area.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM.

Column Set Aside For the Use of Our Readers.

PROGRESSIVE EUCRE.

"Law" Argues That This Popular Pastime Is Gambling, Pure and Simple—Mr. Scheff's Deduction.

Some six years ago Hon. William P. Scheff published in one of the Bedford papers an article on gambling in which he claimed, and proved by reference to the decisions of many courts in nearly all the states, that progressive euchre is gambling, pure and simple. His deduction from these decisions was as follows, to wit:

"From what has been already stated, it must be apparent to every rational mind that every game of chance, with cards, dice, or otherwise, is gambling.

"The essential element, which, in law, distinguishes between the unlawful game and the innocent game, is the chance.

"In every game in which there is a chance, a bet, a wager and a stake, however small the value thereof, even though it is only of the value of a nickel, it is absolute and is essentially gambling, under the laws of the state, as much so as if the value of the stake were \$500.

"There is no escape from this fact. To further illustrate: A game of innocent amusement consists only of two elements—(1) the parties—(2) the success or defeat of one or the other. There are no bets, no wagers, no stakes and no chance, nothing won or lost.

"On the other hand, the gambling game has in addition to the above two elements in an innocent game, (1) the bet, the wager, (2) the chance, (3) the gain or loss of a thing of value.

"Now test the fashionable game of progressive euchre, or other games of chance, by the same rule. In this game there is—

"1. A stake—no matter how small the value thereof (that is entirely immaterial in determining the offense) it may be a silver buckle, napkin ring, a book, an umbrella, a ring or a toy, &c. And it makes no difference whether the stakes are bought by one or many, they are still stakes. Neither does it matter what the game may be called.

"2. A bet or wager on the result of game.

"3. The chance who shall win or lose a thing of value.

"These are the essential elements of the game, which make it gambling, pure and simple.

"The same test will show conclusively that the custom of selling tickets, which are to draw prizes for money, goods, or services, is gambling, pure and simple. The value thereof is not in the tickets, but in the prizes, and the prizes are bought by one or many, they are still stakes. Neither does it matter what the game may be called.

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THE DEATH RECORD.

Those Who Have Been Called Home—Mrs. Anna E. Helzel.

Mrs. Annie E. Helzel was born in Ray's Cove on December 14, 1827. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Leader. Mrs. Helzel was married three times. Her first husband was Thomas Butler Miller, at one time the leading hardware merchant of Bedford. To this union two children were born—Samuel Scott Miller and William Bigler Miller. The former died on June 10, 1887. The latter is a prominent business man of Philadelphia and lives at Devon, Thomas Butler Miller died on November 15, 1854. Her second husband was A. J. Dushong. He died many years ago. Mrs. Helzel's third husband, Edward E. Helzel, answered the final summons on August 14, 1889. Mrs. Helzel was an invalid for a number of years, having a nurse and boarding at James A. Glibert's, where she died a few minutes before midnight of August 10. She is survived by one son, W. B. Miller, of Devon, and a sister, Miss Teule Leader, of Bedford. On March 30, 1893, Mrs. Helzel joined the Bedford Reformed church, the late Rev. Henry Heckerman being pastor at that time. She was a regular attendant until she became too ill to leave the house and always contributed to the support of the church. Funeral services were held in the Bedford Reformed church Wednesday afternoon, and, owing to the absence of the pastor, were conducted by Rev. Cyrus J. Munser, editor of the Reformed Church Messenger, assisted by Rev. Dr. Alexander R. Miller, of the Methodist Episcopal church. The body was taken to Devon by decedent's son and buried in St. David's cemetery near that place.

John Mower.

John Mower, one of the most popular young men of Rainsburg, died Monday night, of consumption. The deceased was twenty-nine years old and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Mower. His parents and the following brothers and sisters survive him: Edward and Alvin Mower, of Ohio; Frank Mower, of Rainsburg; Miss Jean Mower, of Altoona; and Mrs. J. C. Smith, of Rainsburg. The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. J. M. Stover, pastor of the Lutheran church. Mr. Mower was a member of the Rainsburg band and the members of that organization attended the funeral in the body.

Miss Florence V. Piles.

Miss Florence Virginia Piles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Piles, died at her home in Bedford township Friday night. She was aged twenty-three years, eight months and twenty-nine days. Consumption was the cause of her death. The deceased was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. Dr. Alexander R. Miller, pastor of the Bedford Methodist Episcopal church. Interment in the Bedford cemetery.

Elizabeth Hoover.

Elizabeth Hoover died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lizzie McCabe, on August 4. The deceased was a prominent member of the German Baptist church. Five children survive him, namely: Mrs. Lizzie McCabe, Mrs. George W. Taylor, of Danvers; Mrs. H. M. Steels, of Saxton; Mrs. Margaret Hammond, of Altoona; James K. Hoover, of Liberty township.

William Hartley Koon.

William Hartley, the eight-month-old son of William Koon, of Vanderbilt, died on August 1. Mr. Koon formerly lived at Everett. He recently served three years in the United States army and was in the Philippines most of that time.

David Hawn.

David Hawn, formerly of Saxton, died at his home in Paxanstraw on July 22. He is survived by his wife and six children, five sisters and three brothers.

Succession Reunion.

The fourth annual reunion of the descendants of John Smouse, who landed in this country in 1738, afterward located on and purchased the property now known as the Ashcom mill property, in Friends Cove, was held and was a success. It was held September 7, 1901. His descendants are respectfully invited to meet in reunion at Ashcom's Mill, near Ashcom station, Bedford division, Pennsylvania railroad, on Saturday, September 7, 1901. The neighbors and friends of the descendants are respectfully invited to join in the reunion. Let us have a memorable meeting.

J. W. Smouse, Jr., President.

Secretary.

GEORGE SMOUSE, Vice-President.

Reduced Rates to Louisville.

On account of the triennial convocation of the Knights Templar, to be held in Louisville, Ky., August 27 to 31, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets from August 22 to 25, inclusive, to Louisville and return, at rate of one first class fare for the round trip. These tickets will be good to return until September 3, inclusive, but if ticket is deposited by the original purchaser with joint agent at Louisville not earlier than August 28 nor later than September 3 and a fee of fifty cents is paid at the time of deposit, an extension of the return limit may be had until September 16.

The Steel Strike.

The latest figures on the steel strike are summarized as follows: Men who struck in obedience to President T. J. Shafer's order, 15,350; previously idle, 50,000; thrown idle by the closing of blast furnaces, 2,000; "hoisting," 2,750; grand total of men out, 70,000. The billion dollar steel trust is trying to force the men to return to work by dismantling some of their mills and moving them to other places.

Thirteen Lives Lost.

Thirteen lives were lost at Cleveland, O., on Wednesday by the bursting of a temporary water works orifice. Two men were killed. Five workmen were burned. Four were drowned and four were suffocated in the tunnel. Several were injured. The property loss will exceed \$200,000.

"FIGHTING BOB"

Censured By Acting Secretary Hackett For Telling the Truth.

PLAIN LANGUAGE CONCERNING "A SCHEME OF SETTLEMENT"—"NOT A CENT FOR FORAKER"

Special Correspondence of THE GAZETTE.

WASHINGTON, August 13.—Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, "Fighting Bob," should, in the opinion of his friends, regard the letter of censure written him by Acting Secretary Hackett, for telling the truth in his book about the manner in which "Fighting Billy" Chandler treated him because he would not wink at the dirty political bargains that Chandler made while he was secretary of the navy, as an honor rather than a disgrace. Admiral Evans is a Democrat. That was why Chandler, who was a Republican, hated him and that was why he found it so easy to get him censured by the present administration. But there is another reason why Admiral Evans should consider this censure an honor. It was given him for telling what everyone knows to have been the truth, by a department which has not had one word to say of the lying abuse of Rear-Admiral Schley, by one of its employees. If McAdams has his approval, as he appears to have, any honest man ought to be free to tell the truth about the navy department, as at present constituted.

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